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1. Originally scheduled to begin classes on 30 September, the Faculty of Philology at the University of Bucharest (now known as Parhon University) finally opened on 5 October 1950.
2. Students were required to pay in advance one-third of the tax levied the preceding year. This requirement injected great hardship on students whose taxes for the previous year had been set at a high figure based on the financial situation of their families that had since deteriorated because of the confiscations of property.
3. Each student was required to fill out a four-page questionnaire covering his own background and that of his father, mother and tutor. The following information was required to be supplied for each of those mentioned above:
  - a. Surname and Christian name.
  - b. Place of residence.
  - c. Occupation.
  - d. Real estate owned on 1 January 1948.
  - e. Monthly income on 1 January 1948.
  - f. Occupation as of 1 January 1948.
  - g. Real estate presently owned.
  - h. Present monthly income.
  - i. Political party of which presently a member.
  - j. Political parties of which a member in the past.
  - k. Arrests and convictions.

Students were required to state whether they had been investigated, and if so, when and by whom. If ever brought before a court, the reason for appearance, date and sentence were required to be supplied. On the third page, ten lines were provided for entry of grades obtained by the student during the past year and his present scholastic situation. Employed students were required to give their place of employment, position held and salary. Official documents presented when registering for the term were required to be listed. Students were warned that all the income of their parents from every source must be given; this information was required even if the students' parents were deceased. The questionnaire ended with the following declaration to be signed by the student:

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"I, the undersigned, state that I will accept full responsibility for the above declaration, having been advised that any falsification of this declaration will result in the event that this offense is discovered, in my immediate expulsion from the school and the penalties prescribed for falsification of public documents."

4. The date for the delivery of students food tickets for the last quarter of the year was 1 October, but the tickets were actually given out on 9 October, after all students had paid their taxes.
5. A shortage of paper exists at the Faculty of Philology. At the beginning of the school year the Union of Working Youth (UTM) made available five notebooks per student at a cost of 98 lei. These five notebooks must suffice for the entire first semester. In all courses on ideology students are compelled to take notes under threat of punishment. For a single lesson in Marxism eighteen to twenty pages of notes are demanded.
6. Students are compelled to attend classes regularly; special emphasis is placed on attendance at classes in Marxism. Those who are compelled to work for a living have been forbidden to enter the Faculty of Philology.
7. The first general course in philology ever offered is being given by the dean, Professor Iorgu Iordan, former Rumanian Ambassador to Moscow. The subject is "Comrade Stalin's articles on linguistics."

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